

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIM 1 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A bicycle derailleur comprising:  
a base member;  
a link mechanism coupled to the base member; and  
a chain guide coupled to the link mechanism so that the chain guide moves relative to the base member to move a chain among a plurality of sprockets;  
wherein the base member comprises:  
a first portion comprising a first base member body structured to mount to a bicycle frame;  
a second portion comprising a second base member body structured to mount to the link mechanism; and  
wherein the first portion and the second portion are structured to move laterally relative to each other when the base member is fixed to the bicycle frame; and  
a coupler that flexibly couples the first base member body to the second base member body,  
wherein the coupler is mounted to laterally facing surfaces of the first base member body and the second base member body.

CLAIM 2 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): The derailleur according to claim 1 wherein the first portion and the second portion are structured to fold laterally relative to each other.

CLAIMS 3-4 (CANCELED).

CLAIM 5 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The derailleur according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein the coupler comprises a pivot shaft that longitudinally pivotably couples the first base member body to the second base member body when the base member is fixed to the bicycle frame.

CLAIM 6 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The derailleur according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein the coupler comprises a hinge that longitudinally pivotably couples the first base member body to the second base member body when the base member is fixed to the bicycle frame.

CLAIM 7 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A bicycle derailleur comprising:~~  
~~a base member;~~  
~~a link mechanism coupled to the base member;~~  
~~a chain guide coupled to the link mechanism so that the chain guide moves relative to the~~  
~~base member to move a chain among a plurality of sprockets;~~  
~~wherein the base member comprises:~~  
~~a first base member body structured to mount to a bicycle frame; and~~  
~~a second base member body structured to mount to the link mechanism;~~  
~~a coupler that flexibly couples the first base member body to the second base member body;~~  
and

The derailleur according to claim 1 further comprising a locking mechanism that moves  
between a locked position and an unlocked position, wherein movement between the first base  
member body and the second base member body is substantially prevented when the locking  
mechanism is in the locked position, and wherein movement between the first base member body  
and the second base member body is allowed when the locking mechanism is in the unlocked  
position.

CLAIM 8 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A bicycle derailleur comprising:  
a base member;  
a link mechanism coupled to the base member;  
a chain guide coupled to the link mechanism so that the chain guide moves relative to the  
base member to move a chain among a plurality of sprockets;  
wherein the base member comprises:  
    a first base member body structured to mount to a bicycle frame; and  
    a second base member body structured to mount to the link mechanism;  
a coupler that flexibly couples the first base member body to the second base member body;  
and  
a locking mechanism that moves between a locked position and an unlocked position,  
wherein movement between the first base member body and the second base member body is  
substantially prevented when the locking mechanism is in the locked position, and wherein

movement between the first base member body and the second base member body is allowed when the locking mechanism is in the unlocked position;

~~The derailleur according to claim 7~~ wherein the locking mechanism comprises:

a hook coupled to one of the first base member body and the second base member body; and

a catch member coupled to the other one of the first base member body and the second base member body for engaging the hook.

CLAIM 9 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 8 wherein the locking mechanism further comprises a lever member pivotably coupled to the other one of the first base member body and the second base member body, wherein the catch member is coupled to the lever member.

CLAIM 10 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 9 wherein the coupler comprises a hinge that pivotably couples the first base member body to the second base member body.

CLAIM 11 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A bicycle derailleur comprising:  
a base member;  
a link mechanism coupled to the base member;  
a chain guide coupled to the link mechanism so that the chain guide moves relative to the base member to move a chain among a plurality of sprockets;  
wherein the base member comprises:  
a first base member body structured to mount to a bicycle frame; and  
a second base member body structured to mount to the link mechanism;  
a coupler that flexibly couples the first base member body to the second base member body;  
and  
a locking mechanism that moves between a locked position and an unlocked position,  
wherein movement between the first base member body and the second base member body is substantially prevented when the locking mechanism is in the locked position, and wherein  
movement between the first base member body and the second base member body is allowed when the locking mechanism is in the unlocked position; and

~~The derailleur according to claim 7~~ wherein the locking mechanism comprises a latch.

CLAIM 12 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 11 wherein the latch comprises:  
a lock pin disposed on one of the first base member body and the second base member body,  
wherein the lock pin is extendable and retractable relative to the other one of the first base member  
body and the second base member body; and  
a lock catch unit disposed on the other one of the first base member body and the second base  
member body for engaging the lock pin.

CLAIM 13 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 12 wherein the latch further  
comprises a biasing mechanism that biases the lock pin towards the lock catch unit.

CLAIM 14 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 12 wherein the latch comprises a  
bracket coupled to the one of the first base member body and the second base member body and  
slidably supporting the lock pin.

CLAIM 15 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 14 wherein the lock catch  
portion extends from the other one of the first base member body and the second base member body  
for engaging the lock catch unit.

CLAIM 16 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 15 wherein the latch further  
comprises a biasing mechanism that biases the lock pin towards the lock catch unit.

CLAIM 17 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 16 wherein the coupler  
comprises a hinge that pivotably couples the first base member body to the second base member  
body.

CLAIM 18 (ORIGINAL): The derailleur according to claim 17 wherein the lock catch unit  
includes an opening for receiving the lock pin therein.

CLAIM 19 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The derailleur according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein  
the first base member body and the second base member body are structured to move laterally  
relative to each other without loosening the coupler.